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Letters to the Editor

Outmoded CIA

Only one comment need be made about your Jan. 1 editorial "How Idiotic." That is former President Truman's comment, "I established the CIA for a purpose and now I think it ought to be disbanded."

The fact is the CIA is giving this country a bad name abroad, rightly or wrongly. Too many people in Latin America and Asia are now afraid not of the United States Government but of the CIA. What they used to think of the Checka and the Gestapo they now are thinking of the CIA. Few people, of course, have the facts for a judgment on the matter, but in international affairs a bad name is as bad as a bad action. I do not believe the United States can continue to afford this sort of suspicion, true or false. I believe President Truman is right. Let us wind up the CIA.

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